



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5451***

LCO No. 1959

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF BLOOD DRIVES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "AABB" means the organization formerly known as the  
4 American Association of Blood Banks; and

5 (2) "Blood collection technician" means a person who is trained in  
6 accordance with AABB professional standards and who meets all  
7 AABB professional competency requirements.

8 (b) Any blood collection technician, trained in procedures that  
9 comply with federal Food and Drug Administration guidelines and  
10 regulations, including, but not limited to, 21 CFR 606, may operate  
11 blood or blood component collection apheresis equipment. The  
12 operation of blood or blood component apheresis equipment includes  
13 the administration of saline, citrate and other biologics required in the  
14 operation of such equipment. A blood collection technician designated  
15 as the supervisor of any blood drive where apheresis collections occur

16 shall be trained in apheresis collection procedure in accordance with  
 17 all applicable federal Food and Drug Administration and AABB  
 18 standards.

19 (c) Any entity that conducts a blood drive in this state shall ensure  
 20 that a practical nurse or a registered nurse, licensed in accordance with  
 21 the provisions of chapter 378 of the general statutes, is on-site at the  
 22 location where such blood drive occurs for the entire duration of the  
 23 blood drive.

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) No entity that conducts a  
 25 blood drive in this state shall offer any employee any form of financial  
 26 payment or incentive that is based on the employee's ability to attract  
 27 individuals who agree to make a voluntary blood donation at a blood  
 28 drive conducted by such entity. For purposes of this section,  
 29 "employee" means any person engaged in service to an entity  
 30 conducting a blood drive.

31 Sec. 3. Section 19a-285a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

33 Any person who is [seventeen] sixteen years of age or older shall  
 34 have the legal capacity, without written authorization of his or her  
 35 parent or guardian, to donate blood or any component thereof and to  
 36 consent to the withdrawal of blood from his or her body, in  
 37 conjunction with any voluntary blood donation program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	19a-285a

***Statement of Purpose:***

To enact professional standards concerning the operation of blood drives and to permit sixteen year olds to donate blood without the consent of a parent or guardian.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*